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Amendment No. 1 to SJR0687

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 687*

by deleting all language of the resolution and by substituting instead the following:

A RESOLUTION to propose amendments to Article III and Article V of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to certain offices of state government.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 19.

A lieutenant governor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at the same time and for the same term as the governor. The lieutenant governor shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least seven years immediately preceding the election. During the thirty-day period immediately following the 2014 August general election and during the same period every four years thereafter, each candidate for governor shall select a candidate for lieutenant governor. At the 2014 November general election and at the November

general election every four years thereafter, each voter shall cast a single vote for a slate of two candidates running together for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The slate of the governor chosen pursuant to Article III, Section 2, shall be deemed to be elected. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as lieutenant governor for additional four-year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term.

The lieutenant governor shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he or she shall have been elected. The lieutenant governor shall serve as deputy to the governor and shall perform such other duties, within the executive department, as the governor shall assign or as shall be prescribed by law.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be further amended by deleting Section 12 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 12.

(a) As requested by the governor or prescribed by law, the lieutenant governor shall exercise the office of governor in case of the governor's temporary incapacity or absence from the state.

(b) In case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the lieutenant governor; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the lieutenant governor, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the secretary of state; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the secretary of state, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker

of the senate; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the senate, the power and duties of the office of governor shall devolve on the speaker of the house of representatives; and in case of the death, resignation or removal from office of the speaker of the house of representatives, the power and duties of the office of governor shall devolve as prescribed by law.

And that Article III of the Constitution of Tennessee be further amended by deleting Section 17 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 17.

A secretary of state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The secretary of state shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least seven years immediately preceding the election. Elections for secretary of state shall be held at the 2014 November general election and at the November general election every four years thereafter. A person may be eligible to succeed in office as secretary of state for additional four-year terms, provided that no person shall be eligible for election to more than two terms consecutively, including an election to a partial term.

The secretary of state shall, at stated times, receive compensation for services, which shall not be increased or diminished during the period for which he or she shall have been elected. The secretary of state shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and

vouchers relative thereto, before the general assembly. The secretary of state shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law.

And that Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by inserting the following language in the first sentence immediately after the words and punctuation "The governor,"

the lieutenant governor,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the 2010 November general election, the speaker of the senate shall continue to be lieutenant governor until the person, who is popularly elected as lieutenant governor at the 2014 November general election, takes office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendments proposed herein at the 2010 November general election, the general assembly shall continue to appoint the secretary of state by joint vote of both houses; however, no such appointment shall extend beyond the date on which the person, who is popularly elected as secretary of state at the 2014 November general election, takes office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing shall be referred to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendments be published by the secretary of state in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.